In an instance of a media report alleging clinical trial of an anti-cancer drug, Letrozole by some doctors for the treatment of infertility of women, investigation, including examination of the issue by an expert committee has revealed that the matter was related to off-label use of Letrozole by some doctors for the treatment of infertility and was based on information regarding similar use published in the International medical Journals.

Another alleged incident pertaining to illegal tests of women in West Bengal using Erythromycin as a Contraceptive, between August 99 to October, 2002, is under investigation with Deputy Commissioner Enforcement Branch, Kolkata.

**Shortage of Antibiotics in Safdarjung Hospital**

1110. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been shortage of essential antibiotics required for serious ailments in the Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi.

(b) whether he has made a personal visit to the hospital;

(c) if so, the deficiencies, drawbacks, irregularities etc. observed in the functioning of the hospital during his visit; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against those responsible for the malfunctioning of the hospital and to improve its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) There is no shortage of essential antibiotics required for serious ailments in the Safdarjung Hospital. Various antibiotics including the latest 4th generation Cephalosporin group of Antibiotics are available in the Hospital.

(b) to (d) The Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare visited the Safdarjung Hospital on 18-6-2004 and inspected various services and facilities provided by the Hospital. He gave directions to the hospital authorities to take appropriate action for maintenance of punctuality, cleanliness drive, reduction in waiting period of the patients, etc. which are being attended to.